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### COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

#### Improvements in or relating to Protective Book Covers.

I, ARTHUR JAMES WELLS, of 26, Exeter Gardens, Ilford, Essex, a British Subject, do hereby declare the invention, for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement :—

This invention relates to a protective book cover which is capable of being easily and quickly applied to the cover proper of a book.

The object of the present invention is to provide a protective book cover which is simple and inexpensive to manufacture and which is capable, within reasonably wide limits, of being applied to books of different thicknesses.

A further object of the invention is to provide a protective book cover which is so constructed that it can either be permanently secured to the cover proper of a book or alternatively it can be secured thereto in a readily detachable manner.

According to the present invention there is provided a protective book cover which comprises two wallet-like parts adapted to constitute pockets for accommodating respectively the front and back covers proper of a book and which are interconnected by a part intended to cover the spine of the book, characterised in that said wallet-like parts comprise tubular portions interconnected by a spine covering portion, the outer sides or mouths of each pocket being formed with an extending flap which can either be permanently secured to the outer face of the inner wall of the pocket or alternatively tucked underneath this inner wall of the pocket and over the inner face of the book cover.

According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the protective cover is preferably made of a transparent sheet material, such as polyvinyl chloride, through which the data and other matter on the book cover proper may be observed. This material is also stretchable slightly so that within reasonable limits the cover can be made to

adapt itself to books of different heights, say within three sixteenths of an inch.

In order that the invention may be clearly understood and readily carried into effect an embodiment thereof will now be described by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein :—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the protective cover laid out flat prior to being applied to a book ;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating one manner in which the cover can be permanently applied to a book ;

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the lines III—III of Fig. 2 ; and

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but illustrating how the cover can be detachably applied to a book.

Referring to the drawings, the protective cover is made from a single blank of flexible transparent material such as sheet polyvinyl chloride and the blank is folded and the edges (not shown) heat sealed together or secured together by adhesive to provide two pockets or wallet-like tubular portions 1 interconnected by a centrally disposed intermediate portion 2 which is intended to cover the spine of the book.

In applying the protective cover to a book, the book covers proper indicated at 3 are inserted in the pockets 1 from the sides of the pockets adjacent to the spine so that the inner walls 4 of the protective cover abut against the inner faces of the book covers 3, and the outer faces 5 of the protective cover abut against the outer faces of the book cover with the intermediate portion 2 covering the spine of the book.

The outer part of each portion 5 of each pocket 1 is formed with flap 6 which, when the protective cover is intended to be permanently secured to a book cover proper, is folded over the adjacent longitudinal edge of the cover and secured by means of an adhesive or by heat sealing, or by adhesive tape to the outer face of the inner wall 4 of the associated pocket or wallet-like part 1.

Such an arrangement is illustrated by Figs. 2 and 3 and is particularly applicable when the protective covers are applied to library or like books where it is desirable to permanently secure the protective cover to the book.

With a modified arrangement the flaps 6 may be made longer and can be tucked into their respective pockets or wallets so as to be located between the inner surface of the inner wall 4 of the pocket and the inner surface of the book cover 5 proper. This arrangement is illustrated by Fig. 4 and is particularly suitable for use with books of which the cover is intended to be temporarily placed. When the protective cover is to be removed it is a simple matter to withdraw the flaps 6 and then remove the protective cover from the book.

The width of the spine covering intermediate portion 2 of the cover is such that the cover can be applied to books having a reasonably wide range of thickness. For example, with a spine covering intermediate portion 2 having a width of about 3", the cover can be applied to books having a thickness range between 3" to 3½".

The protective cover made up as above is slightly stretchable so that within limits say of about three-sixteenths of an inch one size of protective cover can be made to suit a range of books of different heights.

Where book covers proper are already

fitted with dust jackets, these can be allowed to remain on the cover proper so that the "get-up" of these dust jackets can be readily viewed through the transparency of the protective cover.

What I claim is:—

1. A protective book cover comprising two wallet-like parts adapted to constitute pockets for accommodating respectively the front and back covers proper of a book and which are interconnected by a part intended to cover the spine of the book, characterised in that said wallet-like parts comprise tubular portions interconnected by a spine covering portion, the outer sides or mouths of each pocket being formed with an extending flap which can either be permanently secured to the outer face of the inner wall of the pocket or alternatively tucked underneath this inner wall of the pocket and over the inner face of the book cover.

2. A protective book cover according to Claim 1, constructed of transparent material such as polyvinyl chloride.

3. A protective book cover constructed substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Figures 1, 2 and 3 or Figures 1 and 4 of the accompanying drawings.

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#### PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

#### Improvements in or relating to Protective Book Covers.

I, ARTHUR JAMES WELLS, 26, Exeter Gardens, Ilford, Essex, British Subject, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

This invention relates to a transparent adjustable book protecting cover which can, if necessary, be readily made up from the parts; which enables the dust-wrapper or other cover to be enclosed in the said protecting cover; and which can be adjusted to any thickness of spine.

This is arranged by having two wallets or envelopes which can be slipped over the book-covers and joined across the spine by a strip of flexible material made fast to both front and back wallets. Alternatively, the front wallet may have an extension or flap which can be passed over the spine and made fast to the back wallet.

This adjustable transparent book protecting cover can be manufactured from a variety of materials. The front wallet and back strip only need be transparent; the back wallet may be either transparent or opaque. Printing on all surfaces with some materials is possible.

According to the materials used, the joints of the wallets may be welded, heat-sealed or made fast by means of an adhesive.

The back strip may be affixed to the front and back wallets by welding, heat-sealing or by means of an adhesive.

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